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1. During the night of 7/8 June 1954, the mortar companies of the mechanized regiments stationed in Karpin moved to a summer camp in the Ahlbeck area for two-week firing practices with live ammunition. Lieutenant Kasten (fnu) was commanding officer of the mortar company of the 2d Bn of the 2d Mech Regt. 1 25X1
2. [redacted] officers [redacted] of the 2d Mech Regt: Captain Scharf (fnu), motor transport officer; Lieutenant Klein (fnu), headquarters company; Lieutenants Freudenberg (fnu) and Walter (fnu), Senior Lieutenants Liebig (fnu) and Schoenrock (fnu), regimental headquarters; Senior Lieutenant Lange (fnu), Lieutenants Steickert (fnu), Teuschel (fnu) and Broecker (fnu), tank battalion; Senior Lieutenants Weistring (fnu) and Bressow (fnu) and Lieutenant Dietz (fnu), reconnaissance company; Senior Lieutenants Ahlsen (fnu) and Johner (fnu) and Lieutenant Feige (fnu), 1st Bn; Senior Lieutenants Paul (fnu), Haense (fnu), and Sindermann (fnu), 2d Bn; Senior Lieutenants Neumann (fnu), Lorenz (fnu), Schoenherr (fnu) and Friedrich (fnu), 3d Bn. On 1 June, Major Schwenke (fnu) substituted for Major Heckel (fnu), commanding officer of the 2d Mech Regt who was on leave. Captain Wegener (fnu) was commanding officer of the headquarters company of the regiment. 25X1
3. During the reported period, the reconnaissance company had 5 officers and 35 NCOs and EM. The unit was equipped with 17 motor vehicles and 5 model BA-64 armored scout cars. The headquarters company totaled 3 officers and 50 NCOs and EM; the technical supply company 6 officers and 35 NCOs and EM; the regimental NCO school 6 officers and 74 NCOs and EM. Each of the three companies of the tank battalion had about 15 men not including its officers. 2
4. Between 31 May and 12 June, the three battalions of the 2d Mech Regt left their barracks installation daily at 0430 for firing practices with live ammunition. They returned about 1300.
5. The tanks of the tank battalion were equipped with model RS-1 and RK-10 radio sets. Training on these radio sets was rather intense during the reported period.

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6. The main tank parking lot of the KVP installation at Karpin was about 1.5 km east of the barracks installation. It appeared that most of the operational tanks were parked there. The tanks used for training purposes were called "school" tanks. On 4 June, about 22 x 122-mm field howitzers were observed at the artillery park east of the road to Karpin. A parking lot, where 10 to 15 tanks, 4 or 5 mobile BA-64 armored scout cars and about 100 motor vehicles of various types were seen, was located south of section E of the barracks installation. <sup>3</sup> 25X1
7. About mid-May 1954, the 10 tanks, 8 armored personnel carriers and 12 armored scout cars previously parked near the tar distillery at Eggesin moved to the central tank park east of sections D and E of the barracks installation. 25X1
8. On occasion of the spring inspection held between 3 and 8 May, Major Horst Stechbarth, commanding officer at section G of the barracks installation was promoted to lieutenant colonel. The previous commanding officer in section E of the barracks installation was replaced by Major Johns (fnu).
9. About 2030 on 11 June, 2 T-34/85 tanks were unloaded at the Eggesin railroad station and driven to the barracks installation in the wooded area. On 13 June, the KVP installation at Karpin quartered an estimated 6,000 men.
10. Captain Rau (fnu), commanding officer of the Altwarz AAA unit was promoted to major in May. Officers of the unit included Captain Petrow (fnu), chief of staff, Lieutenant Eilers (fnu), political officer, and Senior Lieutenant Behrendt (fnu), SSD liaison officer.
11. Between 5 and 14 June, the AAA unit of Mechanized Division Eggesin numbered slightly over 400 men including about 60 officers. Weapons and equipment of the unit included 26 x 85-mm AA guns parked on the new parking lot between the garages and the Haff, 12 AA machine guns, 26 model G-5 (Horch) three-axle limbers, about 25 trucks, 1 radio truck, 1 repair shop truck, 1 ambulance, 1 data computer, 4 field kitchens, and 6 light machine guns. On 17 June, these weapons and equipment were parked in garages except for 4 x 85-mm AA guns on which training was continuously conducted. <sup>3</sup> and <sup>4</sup>
12. Firing practices with live ammunition toward the sea were recently stopped in order not to endanger the population of Usedom Island. Such firing practices are henceforth to be conducted in the Zingst area on the Baltic Sea shore. For firing practices at ground targets, a practice range, about 1,000 meters long, was established west of the barracks installation north of the Warsin-waltwarz road. Tank and house dummies were set up in this area which was also used in early May 1954 during the spring inspection. <sup>5</sup>
13. In late May, about 50 qualified soldiers were assembled into a regimental training course. The new course held by the motor transport unit at Altwarz which had started on 28 May 1954, still continued on 18 June. Many of the about 220 participants came from Karpin. Soldiers of the course wore red-bordered black, blue, wine-red, and yellow-bordered black epaulets. About 15 trucks, 10 motorcycles, 1 model BA-64 armored scout car and 3 armored personnel carriers were assigned to the driving school. The driving school was frequently active at night. The morale of the unit was excellent.
14. Since late May 1954, the building of the regimental school had quartered a signal unit of 30 men who wore yellow-bordered black epaulets and who had apparently come from outside the military post. The soldiers of the new signal unit were trained in the handling of portable radio sets. On 4 June, the unit set up a radio installation with two antenna masts near the garages. On 18 June, this installation had been dismantled. <sup>6</sup>
15. [redacted] the motor vehicle repair shop observed for some time at Altwarz belongs to Division Eggesin. <sup>7</sup> 25X1
16. On 9 June, the barracks camp south of the barracks installation at Altwarz quartered about 150 men who wore blue service color. [redacted] these soldiers came from Spechtberg, Karpin and other KVP posts and were attending a training course which was to be completed on 21 June. In the days following 9 June, the soldiers of this unit mainly practiced firing with AT rifles. The projectiles fired from these rifles are said to pierce armored plates 4 or 5 cm thick. Firing with subcaliber ammunition at moving tank dummies was conducted in the target area south of the camp. <sup>8</sup> 25X1  
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1.  Comment. Summer training of the KVF units stationed in the area north of Pasewalk was previously scheduled to be conducted in the vicinity of military posts. 25X1
2.  Comment. These strength figures mentioned appear to be too low. 25X1
3.  Comment. This information confirms that most of the weapons and vehicles are not used for current training but are kept for possible future employment. 25X1
4.  Comment. The number of 26 x 85-mm AA guns seems too high. It is believed that the AAA regiment of Division Eggesin is principally equipped with 37-mm AA guns. Model G-5 trucks are in use with the KVF as multiple purpose vehicles and are employed as prime movers for artillery pieces. 25X1
5.  Comment. The AAA range near Zingst has been used by the KVF since mid-March 1954. 25X1
6.  Comment. This new signal unit may have been detached from the signal battalion of Mechanized Division Eggesin possibly in connection with a prolonged radio exercise. 25X1
7.  Comment. This information has been confirmed  25X1
8.  Comment. It is possible that the AT rifle platoons of the mechanized battalions of Division Eggesin were concentrated for training at Altwarp. 25X1

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